

Council of Regional Public Library System Administrators  
**Quarterly Meeting**  
January 27-29, 2010  
St. Cloud, MN

**Meeting Minutes**

*Thursday, January 28, 2010*

The meeting was called to order in the meeting room of the St. Cloud Public Library at 9:00 AM by the Chair, Barbara Misselt. Present were: Mark Ranum (PCLS), Chris Olson (MELSA), Kirsty Smith (GRRL), John Houlahan (PLS), Jim Weikum (ALS), Barbara Misselt (ECRL), Dayle Zelenka (TdS), Peg Werner (VLS), Kathy Fredette (LARL), Barb Jauquet-Kalinoski (NWRL), and Ann Hutton (SELCO). Not in attendance: Marian Ridge (KRLS).

Suzanne Miller, State Librarian, also attended.

Motion by Ranum, second by Hutton to approve the agenda. Motion carried

Motion by Werner, second by Ranum to move changes to the CRPLSA By-laws as proposed by Olson. Motion carried 6 -4.

A quorum for transaction of business shall consist of a simple majority, except in the case of a funding formula change. If a motion is made to recommend the altering of the Regional Library Basic System Support (RLBSS) formula, all twelve systems must be notified in advance and given the opportunity to be represented when the vote is taken. All systems represented at the meeting must vote in the affirmative for an alteration of the RLBSS formula to be moved forward for legislative action.

Olson presented a brief overview of the Public Library Book on which he has been working. The suggestions are in; there is not a formal contract; pictures of old libraries no longer used as public libraries will not be included, nor will unaffiliated libraries. MHS will work with MN authors making written contributions to the book. Funds will come from the statewide Legacy budget. Publication may be in May or June of 2011.

Zelenka presented a proposal from the multi-type directors to launch a Future of Libraries committee in Minnesota. It would be modeled on the Blue Ribbon Task Force in New Jersey, have a Steering Committee of long-standing librarians to establish the framework for discussion and a Committee of newer librarians to carry out the conversation.

Motion: Ranum, Second: Fredette to approve the idea as presented and to appoint two representatives from CRPLSA. Motion carried. Hutton abstained.

Motion: Fredette, Second: Ranum to appoint Misselt and Werner. Motion carried. Houlahan voted no.

Olson raised the question of a joint meeting with MELSA directors in April. He suggested that we invite Wendy Pradt Lougee to speak about the impact of the Google settlement. It was agreed that we would meet on Wednesday from 2:00 to 5:00 PM followed by dinner.

The discussion on Downloadable audio books began with a presentation on statewide licensing for public performance rights for movies. After discussion, it was decided that we would purchase statewide public performance rights for \$50,000 and that we would be billed on a per building basis using regional Legacy funds for 2010.

Downloadable audios as a statewide LSTA program have been suggested before and turned down. Ranum, Olson and Misselt will continue to pursue the possibility.

The decision still stands that regional public library systems do not lobby. The form from the State Auditor's Office should be returned indicating that response.

Fredette is working on the 2010 AMC and LMC Conferences. She will have sign-up sheets available soon.

CRPLSA is in need of a new display that is lighter and easier to set up.

Motion: Ranum, Second: Olson to form a small group to come back with a suggestion in April. Motion carried.

Small Group composed of: Fredette, Ranum, SELCO.

There was a short CRPLSA Legacy discussion amongst those members present before the long afternoon meeting. It consisted of a review of the statewide programs that are available both everywhere, and in certain areas only, and also a review of how invoices will be handled for the statewide money.

Rebecca Patton spoke to the group about the 2010 Summer Library Program Kick-off Tour. Kathleen James withdrew as the Kick-off Tour presenter, Rebecca looked into some options but they were fairly expensive. Some regions have already designed their own programs, or have hired others to lead. Decision was to let each system find its own presenter this year. Werner agreed to ask both the VLS Board, and Gail Nordstrom, VLS Public Library Consultant, if they/she is willing to do it in 2011.

After a break for lunch, CRPLSA reconvened as a Legacy meeting with the following people present for all or parts of the afternoon: Barbara Misselt, Vicki Sorn, Cortney

Walbridge, Rebecca Patton, Jim Weikum, Kirsty Smith, Beth Ringsmuth Stolpman, Karen Pundsack, Barb Jauquet-Kalinoski, Kathy Fredette, Marian Rengel, Mark Ranum, Marian Ridge, Laurie Ortega, John Houlahan, Chris Olson, Chris Lang, Patty Biesterfeld, Abbey Thompson, Dayle Zelanka, Peg Werner, Ann Hutton, Ginny Brodeen, Wendy Jones, Maren Levad, Suzanne Fedoruk and Suzanne Miller.

Each system gave an update on the Legacy projects they are working on thus far.

Hutton reported on the collaboration with the MN Book Awards Committee. Each region should contact Alayne Hopkins for a list of services and deadlines and incorporate the plans into what works for your region. There will be a preprinted promotional piece designed for local printing.

Marian Rengel presented information on the Minnesota Digital Library project and how it could relate to Legacy funds.

Ginny, Suzanne, Maren and Wendy spoke about the involvement of the Minnesota Historical Society in the MN Greatest Generation project in its relation to the CRPLSA Legacy Funds.

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Also in attendance: Suzanne Miller, State Librarian; Bill DeJohn, Minitex, Elaine Keefe, MLA lobbyist.

Motion: Ranum, Second: Weikum to approve agenda. Motion carried.

Motion: Ranum, Second: Olson to approve minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Under Financial Report, Motion: Werner, Second: Zelanka, to recommend payment for Leah Hugh be taken from the statewide Legacy funds, reducing MGG advertising/marketing by the same amount, and adding a fourth category/line entitled "Arts Partnership Training". Motion carried unanimously.

Olson and Ranum will report back to the State Library for budget purposes.

Motion: Ranum, Second: Fredette to accept budget. Motion carried unanimously.

DeJohn was present for the Minitex Report.

Keefe updated everyone on Legislative issues. The Legislative audit report will be released sometime in February.

Ranum distributed a handout related to a requested change in the RLBSS formula. The request is that the formula be calculated every year but that the actual awards be based on the average percentage of the previous three years.

Motion; Ranum, Second: Houlahan to take concept to Regional Boards for endorsement. Motion carried unanimously.

Smith updated us on the status of the law library in a public library issue. As it turns out, the law requires that law libraries be located in a courthouse. (Even though some are not.)

Under the State Library Report, there was general consensus that Miller should pursue the ROI with the University of Minnesota – Duluth as had been proposed previously. She will work with Weikum on this project. Pomerantz is sending on information on a contest concerning obesity. Each system can decide how to handle this distribution.

The 2010 CRPLSA Priorities and Committees are as follows:

- Legislative – Werner, Ranum, Olson, Weikum
- By-Laws – Fredette, Smith, Weikum, Olson
- Funds/Budget – Misselt, Hutton, Fredette
- Management Training – Zelenka, Misselt, Smith
- Marketing, Conventions – Jauquet-Kalinoski, Fredette, Hutton, Ranum

The 2010 Committees and Liaisons are as follows:

- Certification for Library Workers Oversight Committee – Open
- Minitex Advisory Council – Olson
- MLA – Ranum
- MEMO/MLA Steering Committee – Weikum
- MLA/MEMO Legislative Late Night Committee – Olson and Werner
- RLTA and Telecomm – Werner
- State Library Advisory Council – Misselt/Hutton
- Summer Library Program – Jauquet-Kalinoski
- Continuing Education – Olson
- Multitype Liaison – Zelenka
- Futures of Libraries –Misselt, Werner

The meeting was adjourned.

Peg Werner, Secretary

